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The current edition of "Ambassadors Accredited to the Department of the Navy," published by the Foreign Liaison Section, Office of Naval Intelligence, lists Commander Lev A. Vitygin as an Assistant Naval Attaché, Embassy of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Washington, D.C. (u)

On January 7, 1964, a confidential source advised that [redacted] contacted Vitygin at his residence that day during which arrangements were made to meet for lunch at 12:30 p.m., the following day, January 8, 1964, at a local Washington, D.C., restaurant. Vitygin stated that he was presently confined to his bed with the flu and he would make every effort to meet [redacted] as his sickness did not worsen. He appeared extremely pleased to hear from [redacted] stating that he thought the source had forgotten him. (u)

On January 9, 1964, this source advised that [redacted] met Vitygin at approximately 12:40 p.m., on January 8, 1964, in accordance with previously made arrangements. He described the meeting as extremely cordial with no apparent strain due to the lengthy period since their last meeting. (u)

They discussed the assassination of President Kennedy and the murder of accused assassin Lee Harvey Oswald. Vitygin commented he considered it virtually impossible to have prevented the assassination, but considered the subsequent slaying of Oswald to be inexcusable. He commented "we should never have let this happen." Source stated that in the past Vitygin had always been quick to chide him on incidents embarrassing to this country, but was considerably more effusive in this instance. The source noted that this has been the first time that Vitygin seemed to associate himself in some degree with the people of this country when he included himself in those to blame for Oswald's murder. (u)

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They discussed the possibility that both of these deaths may have been part of a political plot with both agreeing that it was possible, but not probable. (S)(u)

Voroyin suggested that it looked very much like he would remain in this country for another year, which prompted [redacted] to jokingly comment to the effect that if Voroyin is here much longer, he will be taking out naturalization papers. Voroyin in the same vein asked what the source meant by that. [redacted] passed it off and changed the subject. (S)(u)

9 Voroyin, when asked that assignment he expected after his tour in the United States, suggested that he would continue in diplomatic work, since he did not think he had enough experience to command of a Naval vessel. Voroyin stated he hoped to remain in the Soviet Union for at least a year or two before receiving another foreign assignment, but this was far from certainty. (S)(u)

Voroyin stated that it would be almost impossible for him to travel to the vicinity of [redacted] residence since it was within an area closed to Soviet travel. He added that even if the trip were possible, that his wife could not accompany him since she is now working part-time at the Soviet Embassy. (S)(u)

Voroyin did not believe that his daughter would be allowed to visit in the United States during the coming year, however, plans were made for a reunion of their respective families if she were allowed to visit. (S)(u)

Voroyin implied [redacted] to contact him immediately upon his next visit to Washington, D.C. so they could "do the town," and the source promised to do so. (S)(u)

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